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SUBJ: SECDEF INVITATIONAL VISIT, AUGUST 10-11, 1975

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1. BAGGAGE HANDLERS WERE NECESSARY TO LOAD BAGGAGE ON VAN, UNLOAD AT HOTEL AND TO SORT AND DELIVER TO ROOMS. SINCE ARRIVAL OF THIS VISIT WAS ON SUNDAY, AND ON A SPECIAL MISSION MILITARY AIRCRAFT, NO ASSISTANCE FOR BAGGAGE HANDLING WAS AVAILABLE AT THE AIRPORT AND ONLY LIMITED HOTEL PERSONNEL TO ASSIST WITH THE DELIVERY OF BAGGAGE TO ROOMS. THE MISSION'S STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR SPECIAL AIRCRAFT ARRIVALS IN GENEVA IS TO HIRE A BAGGAGE VAN WITH LABORERS. THIS HAS BEEN DONE FOR SALT DELEGATIONS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AS WELL AS FOR VISITS BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. IT IS THE MOST RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT WORKING SYSTEM AND, UNTIL THIS VISIT, IT HAS NEVER BEEN QUESTIONED. WE FEEL THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO HANDLE SUCH GROUPS VISITING GENEVA WITH SPECIAL AIRCRAFT. LTC RHODE, THE VISIT CONTROL OFFICER ACCOMPANING THIS GROUP, DID NOT INDICATE ANY OBJECTION TO THIS PROCEDURE ON ARRIVAL.

2. THE COST BREAKDOWN AS REQUESTED IS:
RENTAL OF VAN WITH DRIVER: SF. 900.00
HIRE OF FOUR LABORERS: SF 1,380.00
TOTAL: SF 2,280.00 (EQUAL (\$850.75)
RATE OF EXCHANGE: SFR. 2.68 TO \$1.00

3. MISSION REGRETS DOD'S RELUCTANCE TO PAY FOR THESE CHARGES.
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UNFORTUNATELY, MISSION DOES NOT HAVE THE STAFF OR FUNDS TO

HANDLE SUCH VISITS, AND FACILITIES AND STAFF MUST BE CONTRACTED.
TO PROPERLY SUPPORT SUCH A VISIT, THE SERVICES CONTRACTED WERE
NECESSARY AND UNDERSTOOD TO BE AUTHORIZED. ABRAMS

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